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Chief Justice Names Presiding Judge Robert J. Trentacosta Vice-Chair of Key Judicial Council Panel

Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye has appointed San Diego Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert J. Trentacosta as vice-chair of the Judicial Council's Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee. The one-year term is effective February 1, 2012.

Designed to enhance trial court judges' participation in the Judicial Council decision-making process, the Presiding Judges Advisory Committee reviews rules of court, court forms, studies, and recommendations that are proposed to the council, and identifies issues of concern to the courts, including legislative issues that might be addressed by the council or its advisory committees or task forces.

Judge Trentacosta was elected Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of San Diego County last year. He has also served as the court's Assistant Presiding Judge and as Supervising Judge of the Central Criminal and South County Divisions.

From 2010- 2011, Judge Trentacosta chaired the California Judges Association's Judicial Ethics Committee. He is currently a member of the Judicial Council's Court Facilities Working Group and the Curriculum Committee for the annual Supervising Judges Institute, where he also serves as an instructor.

In addition, he is a past president of the Plaintiffs' Trial Bar, the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego (2000), and president of the San Diego Inn of Court, College of Advocacy (1997). He is a master in the Louis Welsh Inn of Court and adjunct professor of trial practice law at California Western School of Law.

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